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URBAN DISTRICT OF DRIFFIELD

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1950

including

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SANITARY INSPECTOR

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Medical Officer of Health and Divisional Medical Officer,
East Riding County Council :
E.T. COLVILLE, M.D., M.B., B.S.(Hons)., B.Hy., D.P.H..

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor:
F.A. LODGE, M.S.I.A., Meat and Other Food Certificate
(resigned 14.8.50)

The Sanitary Inspector of the Driffield Rural District
was available for emergencies until the end of the year

Meat Inspector (part-time) :
W.P. ISHERWOOD, M.R.C.V.S.

DIVISIONAL MEDICAL STAFF, EAST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL

Assistant Divisional Medical Officer :
Miss A.D. COLLINS, M.B., CH.B., L.M., D.P.H., D.C.H.

Health Visitors, Driffield Area:
Miss E.M.E. RODDIS, S.R.N., H.V.Cert., R.S.I., S.C.M.
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District Nurse/Midwives, Driffield Area :
Mrs. L.F. SLATER, S.R.N., S.C.N.
Mrs. E. COVERDALE, S.R.N., S.C.N.

Divisional Health Office,
Town Hall,
BRITTLINGTON.

To the Chairman and Councillors,
Urban District of Driffield

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Health Services of the Urban District for the Year 1950.

There have been no outstanding circumstances adversely affecting the health of the district during the year.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Health Committee of the Council and my fellow officials for their ready assistance at all time.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

E.T. COLVILLE

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District	Driffield
Area in acres	2,420
Population : 1950 Registrar General	6,976
Rateable value	£ 31,401
Sum represented by a penny rate	£ 118
Birth-rate	15.5
Death-rate	13.6
Infant Mortality rate	46.3
Number of habitable houses	1,825

VITAL STATISTICS

(a) Live Births :

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	56	45	101
Illegitimate	2.	5	<u>7</u>
			<u>108</u>

Birth-rate 15.5 per 1,000
Percentage of Illegitimate births 6.5

The birth-rate for England and Wales was 15.8 per 1,000 population; our rate is, therefore, slightly below that for the country generally.

(b) Still-births :

There were 2 still-births (legitimate) during the year, equivalent to a rate of 0.29 per 1,000 population as compared with 0.37 for the country generally.

(c) Deaths :

The total number of deaths registered during the year as belonging to the Urban District was 95. This is equal to a death-rate of 13.6 per 1,000 compared with a rate of 11.6 for the country generally. The comparability factor to correct the crude death-rate for age and sex distribution in the Urban District is calculated by the Registrar General at 0.77, this on multiplication with the actual rate gives a comparative death-rate of 10.4 per 1,000 against that of 11.6 for the country generally.

The causes of death are given in Table I

(d) Infant Mortality Rate :

There were 5 deaths in infants under 1 year of age (all legitimate). The infantile mortality rate based upon the number of live births registered in the year, i.e., 108, is equivalent to a rate of 46.3 per 1,000 births, compared with a rate for the country of 29.8.

(e) Maternal Mortality :

There were no deaths from maternal causes.

TABLE I

Causes of Death in Driffield U.D., 1950 (R.G.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All causes	53	42
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	-
Whooping Cough	-	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
Cancer , stomach	-	1
Cancer, lung, bronchus	2	1
Cancer, breast	-	2
Cancer, uterus	-	1
Cancer, other sites	5	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	9
Coronary disease, angina	7	2
Hypertension with heart disease	1	2
Other heart disease	12	5
Other circulatory disease	2	1
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	-	1
Bronchitis	4	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Congenital malformations	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	6
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
Suicide	2	-

TABLE II

Vital Statistics - England and Wales (Extracts)

Births

Live births	15.8 per 1,000 total population
Still-births	0.37 " " " "

Deaths

All causes	11.6	"	"	"	"
All causes under 1 year of age ...	29.8	"	"	"	live births
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	1.9	"	"	"	"
Maternal mortality rate (all causes)	0.86	"	"	"	and still- births.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

Laboratory Facilities

Specimens for bacteriological and pathological examinations are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull or to the Pathological Laboratory at Beverley Hospital.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Fortnightly sessions are held at the East Riding County Council Clinic established at Victoria Road, Driffield.

Ante-Natal

Fortnightly sessions are held at the East Riding County Council Clinic established at Victoria Road, Driffield

Maternity Services

Domiciliary births in the Urban District during the year totalled only 28, the remainder occurred in Hospital.

Nursing in the Home

Two District Nurse/Midwives are resident in the town.

Hospitals - Regional Hospital Board

Infectious Diseases - the Bempton Lane Hospital, Bridlington, is available for the admission of the commoner infectious diseases, cases of Poliomyelitis and Smallpox are to be admitted to Cottingham Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Maternity - Maternity cases are admitted to the special wings of the East Riding General Hospital, Driffield and the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington.

Ambulance Service

This is maintained by the County Council, the whole of the East Riding being adequately covered.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water

Water is supplied to this District by the Driffield Water Company. In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health the water is chlorinated. Bacteriological examination of the crude supply, at the bore, shows that the water is free from pollution and equivalent to Class 1 of the Ministry of Health Classification for piped water supplies.

The results of samples of piped water supplies were as follows :

<u>RAW WATER</u>			<u>TREATED WATER</u>		
<u>BACTER.</u>		<u>EXAM.</u>	<u>BACTER.</u>		<u>EXAM.</u>
<u>No.</u>	<u>Exam.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Exam.</u>	<u>Satis.</u>
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Sewage Disposal

A new scheme has now been prepared to resewer certain parts of the District and construct a more efficient disposal plant. It is hoped that authority will be given to commence operations at an early date.

Closet Accommodation

During the year 60 earth closets were converted to a water carriage system. This still leaves 600 earth closets in use in this district.

Schools

All schools were inspected during the year and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

Prevalence of, and control over, Infections
and Other Diseases

The following infectious diseases were notified during the year :

Erysipelas	3
Measles	7
Whooping Cough	23
Pneumonia	3
Poliomyelitis	1
Scarlet Fever	6

There were no deaths from Whooping Cough or Measles.

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children who completed the full course of immunisation in the Authority's area between 1st January and 31st December, 1950, is as follows :

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 15 years</u>
90	26

In addition 32 children received boosting doses.

The estimated number of children immunised at any time who were born between 1936 and 1950 is as follows :

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
251	920

Tuberculosis 1950

The Registrar of Tuberculosis for the District for the year was as follows :

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		
1st January, 1950	13	9	6	5	19	14
31st December, 1950	14	10	6	5	20	15

A mass radiography survey by the Leeds Regional Hospital Board was held in Driffield in September, 1950. There were 657 examinations by miniature radiography. 4 persons were referred for investigation as suspected cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 2 for other chest conditions.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

<u>Nature of Visits</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Animals	36
Bakehouses	3
Dangerous Buildings	1
Dirty Houses	3
Dustbins	26
Drainage	116
Drain Tests	22
Factories	116
General Defects	28
Hotels and Licensed Premises	3
Means of Escape in Case of Fire	6
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	12
Offensive Trades	10
Public Conveniences	38
Rats and Mice (excluding visits by Rodent Operator)	26
Refuse Collection	74
Salvage	16
Theatres and Places of Public Entertainment	2
Stables and Piggeries	2
Verminous Premises	2
Water Courses	2
Water Supply	8
Fellmonger	12
Gut Scraper	4
 Total number of visits	 <u>468</u>

New Houses

Number of new houses completed by Local Authority during the year	24
Number of new houses completed by Private Enterprise during the year	2
Total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year	200

Meat Shops etc.

Number of Inspections	14
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Ice Cream Manufacturers and Retailers

Number of Inspections	5
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Milk Samples

Samples of Milk submitted for Bacteriological Examination	3
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Unsound Food

During the year 1,250 lbs. of assorted tinned foods were voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Centralised slaughtering is carried out in this area.

Carcasses inspected and condemned:

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
No. killed	1,494	80	4,902	170
No. inspected	1,494	80	4,902	170
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Carcase Meat Condemned	15,336	539	6,912	2,129
Organs Condemned	Heads & Tongues ... 64 Lungs 89 Liver199	Plucks .. 1 Plucks ... 24 Plucks .. 120	Lungs ... 9 Plucks .. 21	Heads ... 9 Plucks
Carcase meat affected with Tuberculosis	lbs. 9,488	lbs.		lbs. 1,300
Organs affected with Tuberculosis	Lungs 32 Liver 5 Heads & Tongues ... 27			Heads ... 2 Pluck ... 1

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health :

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written notices
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	24	6	1
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	1	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	63	10	1
Total	88	16	2

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) :			
Insufficient	1	1	1
Total	5	5	1

